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SCHEME FOR REVIVAL OF TEXTILES INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any scheme from the State Governments, particularly from, Government of Kerala for the revival of Textile Industry in their States;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the action taken by the Union Government thereon, scheme-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) to (c): Government has taken a number of steps to tackle the problems faced by textile industry in the country including Kerala. Some of these are as follows:

i) In order to improve the production of cotton textiles in the country, the government has launched the Technology Mission on Cotton (TMC) to improve the production, productivity and quality of cotton, ensuring the availability of quality cotton to the textile mills.
ii) For modernisation of textile and jute industries the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) has been launched w.e.f., 1.4.99 for a period of 5 years.
iii) A chain of textile testing laboratories have been set up to help industry in assessing the quality of textiles.
iv) For import of capital goods, the Export Promotion of Capital Goods (EPCG) scheme has been simplified.
v) Import of cotton is also under OGL to help industry to import requisite quality of raw cotton.

Apart from the above, The Government of India has enacted the Sick Industrial Companies (special provisions) Act, SICA, 1985 and established the Board of Industrial & Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) with a view to arranging the timely detection of sick & potentially sick companies and for the speedy determination of preventive, ameliorative and remedial measures which need to be taken in respect of such companies The rehabilitation schemes sanctioned by BIFR include various measures like restructuring the capital, induction of fresh funds by the promoters, merger with the other companies, change of management, provision for working capital and term loans by banks and financial institutions.